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RECOMMENDATIONS OF DANDEKAR COMMITTEE
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram;Mohite Shri Subodh

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted expert committee to suggest measures for the development of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has examined the recommendations made by Dandekar Committee report in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has constited a Fact Finding Team to study the situation regarding disparities in regional development in Maharashtra with particular emphasis on Vidarbha region; to study the effectiveness of the existing mechanisms for balanced regional development in Maharashtra; to find out the factors leading to rural distress in Vidarbha region and to study the existing relief packages announced by the State Government; and to recommend necessary measures for reducing regional disparities in Maharshtra and for addressing the issue of rural distress, especially in the Vidarbha region.

(c) to (e): The mandate given to the Fact Finding Team is to examine all the relevant documents including the Dandekar Committee Report, undertake the necessary field visits and submit its Report to the Government.